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今迄、患難中に難病を起こしてしまひ、こまりました。陸軍省にとつては、職業病のようなものですが、以後、手を可変がつてかいています。

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(プリンセス掲載)



—Rome—





Italian coffee tastes awful!

Don't you agree?
You two?

Yes!



How about opening a girls-only day care center in Alaska?

Little girls seem to like you a lot.



The contact from the Rome office is waiting for us in the lobby with some data.

The regular reports from each location will be coming at seven.

Look into every "cardinal" in Rome, based on his info.



Do you mind my joining you?



You should ask the tour conductor to change the room.

That's too bad.



My room is facing the street.

It was so noisy last night I couldn't go to sleep.



Not at all.

Oh, thank you.

Excuse me.





There were plenty of empty seats around, and he came straight to our table

-That dentist he's fairly

Be cautious of those who approach us

...with undue familiarity, even an elderly person or a kid



FROM



The staff of the Soviet embassy in Rome has started suspicious movements



WHAP





Don't take
him so
seriously
He was
just joking.

I haven't got a
Lolita complex!
And I don't want
to run a day-care
center in Alaska,
either!



Damn...
Do you
really believe
the Major
jokes!?





Oh,
really.



But that
room was
Herr Randorf's
request?



Speaking of
Herr Randorf,
didn't he
complain
about his
room?

He said he
couldn't sleep
in the room
fronting the
street because
of the noise.



I don't
want him
to think
I'm noisy.

Please
don't tell
him that I
told you.



Nobody
cares
about my
hardships.

You
shouldn't
worry.

An
old man's
whim,
perhaps.



*They invited
us to send a
lookout with us!*

*That
old fart—!*



Unfortunately,
I have another
engagement
to see a friend,
Herr Randorf?

I've been
looking
for you.
May I
join?

Fig. I feel uneasy
going out alone,
since thieves are
everywhere in Rome.



Kaddo,
you going
out?

Mom—
my!

There
you are,
Herr
Müller.



Yes,
you're
right

Take care,
then

"When you
see a man,
assume
he's a
fraud!"



Let me
give you
some good
advice



*...Otto's information
is highly likely to be
related to the KGB.*

*Given that
the KGB
spotted my
movements...*



Tasked...



*As you may
have already known,
the materials in the
Vatican Archive are
open to goodwill
scholars*



*But what does
"the laughing cardinal
mean?"*



However, what can be disclosed is restricted to records from at least one hundred years ago or before

I see



Please don't mis-understand

This is not something that attests to secretism of the Vatican at all



...there are bloody secrets so no more

Newer documents than those are under strict control, is that so?

The request for the annulment of the marriage of Henry VIII, the payment demand letter from Michelangelo...



Please give me his full name

By the way, Your Eminence, do you know a man called Otto?



We both work for the same paper. He told me he'd met you before

Otto Bamberg - That man



Without permission, the door is open to no one

Thank you
This will be a good article

If you want something there'll be no other way than stealing it like I did





*but his efforts
are very much
to his credit*

*Too old for
the job of
lookout for
Iron Kline*



*Besides, no
ordinary steady-
we can easily
approach these
crafty old
cardinals*

*The best One
could do was to
go after the red
stars in trench
coats. Clergymen
in bright red were
beyond his reach*



Well, well-
Her Muller! So
you're here to see
the Vatican, too!

Oh, Her
Randall?



Is, it's
done. I'm
free now

You've
met your
friend?

Then
let me
join you

I'm glad
I still feel
anxiety by
myself



What happens
You've been
waiting for
me all day,
am I

Roma is a
small city, to
meet you in
such a place
Ha ha ha!

*If an ordinary old man
is employed to throw me
off my guard, he must
come with something
special to compensate
for his lack of power.*



*Not armed. No
particular physical
training, either.*



*He appeared in this suit
at the breakfast table.
Tourists like to wear a
casual outfit—*

*That
must be
it.*

*'S a
good
idea*





—Lucerne, Switzerland—

"Cardinal?"
That's new
to me

—Then he might have
told the Major on the
phone where he'd had
the secret!

One was dead
in one shot, and
there was nothing
left around him

Comrade Dawn Crow,
you've got to discover
that information while
he's in Rome!

He's not one
who starts his
move without
any conviction

That's all too
clear. That's why
the Major went
into action!

The Major's
subordinates
have started
making moves
in Switzerland!

Comrade
Red Fox, the
remark of
yours is
deviation
of duty!

The outcome
of my mission
depends on
how you do
in Rome!

It's your
responsibility
to keep him in
Rome, Comrade
Red Fox

Comrade
Dawn
Crow!

Find the
information
at once, then
whether the
Major gets out
of Rome or not
won't matter!

Blaming
me for your
future
blunder is
deviation
of duty



I heard he was
killed somewhere
nearby. How
terrible.

Herl Otto
Hamburg—
yes.

Yes, this
period was
staying
with us.

Er?

Then, you
know the man
who came here
the other day?

Another
distant relative
was here.

—And you
from the
police?

And how
was he
behaving?

What
did he
look
like?

Wonder if
that was
somebody
I know.

No, I'm
a distant
relative
of his.

with a
slight Russian
accent, I
noticed.

A tall,
young
man.

Then, is
that woman
a man?

Herl Otto
could have been
murdered because
of a tangled,
perverted
love.

Thank you
very much.
I'll be back
later.

I know
that fellow
very well.

I've had a
twenty-year
career as a
front desk
clerk.





Ah!
That's
him!



No, there's
nothing
unusual here

Yes,
we'll be
careful



No, the
rings
bug!

How come
that maggot's
there?

The
KGB?



—Zürich—



No, haven't
seen him yet

Don't know why,
but he's going
around to every
supermarket in
the city

Is Lord
Gloria
with him?

And how's
the rag bag?

Looks
happy

What're they doing?



X!
Get him
from the
other side!

Yeah!

You guys
should take
revenge for
the Mayor
and Z!

That
odious
swatch!

Throw a
rotten piece
of cake at the
lao warr!







Go to the party to make a reconnaissance of the valuables!

Slack!
You're too slack!



Oh well,
soon.



You're still
in no mood
for working?

I'll leave
the choice
to you.



All because of
your whims and
extravagance!

Don't you
feel a bit
guilty?



You know I can't buy
a thing at supermarkets
and I've got to survive
on the food on
the ground!



Wonder
if he's
burnt out

Mr. Lingua
doesn't suit
his name



It's too
noisy here
I'll get slack
in another
room

My
Leonard!



Is that
all you
have to
say, Mr.
James?



Joking,
just joking

Don't
take it so
seriously

Hee,
hee,
hee!





It's started snowing.



But he'll find out soon.

Did you think he'd be tricked this easily?



We're wondering why the Major's coming to the party.



What are you whispering to each other, you two?



Tell him the Major couldn't come 'because of his reason'.

Never mind. Success is almost ours since we've got him moving.



He's the mastermind of a conspiracy to establish a huge espionage network all over Europe, under the disguise of supermarket chains.

Their ultimate goal is to tip over the entire European economy into catastrophe.

Why ask? Of course this is his assignment.

Mr. Langer is in fact a big KGB agent.

*For the time being
suffer from
the guilt of
deceiving me*

*I surely let
them take me
in on purpose*

Your fault!
You brought
up the
Major

Now he's
serious, but
in the wrong
direction.



It's been
ten years
since the
last time I
took a bus

Yes,
a little

Are you all
right, Brother
Sebastianas?
Still sick?

We'll soon
arrive at
Mr. Lingon's
residence

We should
walk back,
shouldn't we,
Brother
Petras?

Five years for me
Never thought
they'd increased
the fare





yak
yak
yak
yak

ho
ho
ho
ho

he
he
he
he



What a
boring
party

Just as I
expected, not
an intriguing
one at night



There
you are



That
couple
they are
the KGB



But of
course!

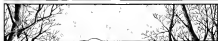
Mr. Lord,
did you find
anything
particular?

Look at
them, Mr.
Lord, are



But?

James!
Watch out!
The Major!







Oh, here you are. They said Herr Lingen would see us.

Come with me, quick.



Brother Sebastian?

Y-yes.



What?

What the Brother was...



The serene beauty of the black robe...

His unworldly appearance, as if he was in a holy painting.



So lost,

I even forgot to talk to the youth.



For a moment, I was in a medieval illusion.

*Good gracious,
this is the first
exhibition in
a long time!*



The abbey was built
500 years ago on
lapsed land. It's been
a poor abbey for
generations.

...and the
benevolent landlords
charged a modulus
of rent so that it could
manage to survive.

They are monks
from the abbey
in Lucerne that
Herr Lungen
purchased.



Do tell
me more,
would
you?

Sir?

Pardon,
you



I saw
two clerics
over there.
Who are they?

Green monks
ruined the party
atmosphere!

Help! I
chased
them away.



They said
they'd call
again
tomorrow.

He sold the entire
lot with the abbey,
claiming it was
only a nuisance.



But the
current land-
lord turned
out to be a
severe one.



So the
monastery
shall be
reborn as a
supermarket!



By the way,
I heard your
lordship is an
art collector



What will happen
to them, after they
are forced out of
the abbey?

They can go
about asking
for alms.



I signed the
agreement with the
landlord. I have no
business with
these penniless
monks!

Mr.
Lingen

Chase
them away!



I guarantee
that all of them
are quite valuable

There are plenty
of art pieces and
antiques from
the medieval age
left in the abbey



I'll tell
you what



That man took
away the obligation
art pieces from
the monks—?



My policy
is to obtain
what I want
on my own.

Too bad
I'm not going
to buy a thing
from you,
Mr. Lingen



Now is the
best time
to buy

If you're
interested, I'll
take you to
the abbey



It's glowing...



Can't allow the precious art to fall into the hands of such a boor!

I'll get there!



Smuggling the gaudy art works! He's wickeder than thieves!

What a vulgar low-life, compared to the noble living a life of faith!

He can't trust art pieces like safe stores in supermarkets!



We're leaving! Get the car right now! I'm in a hurry!

Mr. Bonham! Mr. James!



Off to work!



He'll tell us to get away because the Major's here. More bollocks.

He's a dear person at heart.





To Lucerne !

*A heart-throbbing
romance must be
waiting for me
in Lucerne*

—Rome—

Those in
Lucerne reported
that the KGB were
following in
Otto's footsteps

Then, it's only
Rome and Lucerne
where the KGB are
hanging around

The KGB's
been after Otto's
information too

No such
movement has
been detected
in the other
locations



*His focus
is on either
of the two*

*Rome and
Luciano...*



A and B,
keep a lookout
around the
house

*Might as well
protect them.*



Herr Lunder!
what are you
doing there?

It's so noisy
outside, I
can't go
to sleep



Night

Good
night



Come on,
just a little
won't do you
any harm.

No, I...

But I'm
ordered so
abstain by
my doctor



Wanna
join me?
It'll help
you sleep

I'm
having a
nightcap





SLAM



Contact
the police,
now!

"Twilight of
the Rhine"
failed!



HONK

There was a report
that the man in the
search list was in the
hotel as a member of
a German tourist group

HONK

HONK

Detective Graham
on patrol, go to
Hotel Atlantic,
immediately!

The dark-haired,
suspicious knight
in the composite
sketch?









...if I use
this, you'll be
in trouble



Anyway, why
don't you light
your cigarette
and relax?

That's what
I wanna do,
but...



Don't
know
what
you're
talking
about



It's firmly
attached

No one
trying to
remove it



Besides, I'll
light this
before you
can take
it off



TNT is not
in the pan

'S not
just a
cheap bug

The moment
I press this,
there'll be a
big hole in
your body



Actually, I
want to smoke
a cigarette
myself

Ah

You wanna
see if it's
a bluff
or not?



I can't be
foiled by
your
threat!















That's our
mission!

Keep him
from getting
out of Rome!

Don't let
the Major
get away!

We shouldn't
have trusted
the Italian
Police!



...the focus
of their
search
must be
Lucerne
the other
end

Destination
is Lucerne!

We've got
no business
in Rome!

If the
mission of
the KGB in
Rome is to
keep me in
this city...



Despite my
handicap, I
have one big
strategy: out-
think the KGB.
And
win.

They stood in
my way the
moment our
operation
started.

The
real
game is
yet to
come.

But apparently
the KGB
hasn't
discovered
Gino's
super-
computer
yet.



...the key word
the laughing
cardinal

















We'll wait for one minute, but...



These passengers are running toward the gate



Get out of my way!



Major, why don't we take a later flight?



There's a flight to Zurich at 20:20









Iron Klaus
got out of
Rome?

Don't
sidestep the
question to
evade your
responsi-
bility!

Comrade
Dawn
Crow!

Before blaming
me, what about
your mission,
comrade
Dawn Crow?

You've had
plenty of time to
discover Otto's
information
by now.

What does
that mean,
comrade
Red Fox?

You failed
to fulfill your
mission?

That
dude?

Who?

Ernest,
sir!

A disconcerting
man was found
in Lucerne.

Red Fox
neglecting
his duty is
to blame.

Initially, my
assignment
was to search
for Otto's
information
only!

He won't
get away
with it
I'll report his
blunder to
Moscow!

What
instance, Ernest on
top of the
Major?

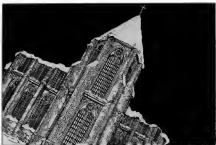
Not
just one,
but two!

Not
known yet,
sir.

What's his
part in the
Major's
assignment?

Watch his
movements
closely.

Yusuf



I'll pray
for him so
that the day
will soon
arrive

Someday,
he will
realize
his own
mistake.



If only
Hen Lingen
had mercy as
you do...

his soul
would be
saved...

We shall
never forget
your kindness
to them









I was left
at the foot
of this painting

Brother
Sebastian!

Was your
name
given
after the
saint?



St
Sebastian,
isn't he?



He was
a poor
orphan.

It's
true.

Yes.



We named him
Sebastian
and raised
him in this
abbey since

There, a newborn
baby was missing
the sadness of
being left out of
the happiness of
the world

It was a sunny morning
on a mild spring day.
We heard a baby's cry
coming from the chapel.



He is such
a rare, pre-
cultural
medieval
monk.



Feel like
I'm listening
to a medieval
tale.



What an
anachronistic
life story!

My wife left me
and there were
several other
problems,
ha-ha-ha

I see

—By any
chance, are
you another
orphan?

No I made
mistakes of
booze, women
and gambling

This boy is the
most pitiable
if we lose
this abbey.

This is
also a
divine test.

It is only
within this
space that

*Here's a
medieval
tree.*

I
want
it!

the
monks
and pious
can realize
their glory

*This is a
space where
time stopped
five hundred
years ago.*

*I want to
take possession
of this medieval
world entirely
and exactly
as it is!*





*I can't let
Largen sell off
the art pieces
in the abbey
before I
handwrite him*

Aye,
aye

Mr
Bosham
a word
with
you

*To prevent
him from
doing it...*



What a
blas-
phemy!

Heaven will
punish us
for it!

Oh, my
God!



But what
for?

- Yeah,
I think
I can

A
man-
de



This is to
save the
poor abbey

I'm sure
God will
forgive us

You can
go to
Heaven

You will
won't
you?

Who else could
understand my
passion
but you?





'S no A
and B are
here, too



It's the
Major!

From
Milan!



So relaxing
without the
Major

Time
to go
to bed



Get some
dope to
please me
by then!

We'll fly to
Zurich to-
morrow
morning
and

arrive
in Lucerne
before ten



I'll concen-
trate all of
my men in
Lucerne

It was
proven that
Orso had hid
the information
somewhere
in Lucerne



Jesus!

Wonderful!
The Major
is coming!

We've got to
reinvestigate
all the churches
in the city!

He'll
lick us in
the ass if we
don't come
up with something



Out!



Check Lucerne
thoroughly.
Reinvestigate
the places
you've already
been to, too













The Lord must
resent the plan to
turn the abbey into
a supermarket

Have you
heard about
the miracle?

The crucifix
in the abbey
shed tears!

Let's go
take a look!

No!
Really?



Go don't
wreck the
whole pic-
ture out of
the monks.

What concerns
me is the fact that
the Major's men
contacted Eusea
at the abbey



Eusea sneaked
into the abbey
last night to
set it up

He can't
fool the
KGB!



A miracle?
Blah! A cheap,
childish trick!



What about
the "laughing
cardinal"?
Did the monk
know anything
about it?

Are you
certain that
Orto rushed
into the
desolate
abbey?



At last!

Comrade
Dennis Cross,
the Major has
arrived in
Lucerne!



What's his
first move-?



Jesus
wept

A miracle
happened



No, well,
there was a
sudden
disturbance

Well,
actually

The
RGB?

Say it,
quick!



It's thrown
the whole town
into a frenzy

I saw
it, too

Teardrops came
out of the eyes
of Jesus



Yeah



Before
smiling at us,
Eroca said

"There are
plenty of paintings
of cardinals in
this abbey"



No, a correction, sir
Before the miracle,
there was Eroca
-Sorry, sir, I haven't
organized my
notes yet

My heart
started
pounding



He smiled at us
and said... -No, the
other way around. He
said, and then smiled

Didn't
know I had
such nervous
among my men



Are you still planning to make this abbey into a supermarket?

This has got nothing to do with my plan

I was so shocked

I couldn't believe my own eyes

This is the problem crucifix

The monks have stopped now

The news of the miracle, however, may stir an uproar in the future

Mr. Lengen claims that they'll start the demolition of the abbey next month

A stubborn man, he is

The Swiss banks are bloody impenetrable

Mr. Lengen's cash is in a private bank

Try your best, Mr. Bonham

Even if it's ventured to go ahead, people'd be too afraid of divine punishment to shop at the store

People around here will oppose the plan to change the miracle abbey into a grocery store

This will give us some time

The red and spots are supposed to be everywhere

The Mayor's subordinates I saw at the abbey are bothering me a little On the other hand they are spots





The fact
of the
matter is



Two books
of super-
market
coupons

Each
has
five
of 'em



I won't
surrender
to violence!



What
business does
he have with
that rumour
abbey?

Give me a
good answer,
or I'll temple
you down!

What's the
East doing
here?



Cool your
wrecked
head for
a while!

You call
yourself his
new? Despicable!

Murderer!



Hampering
to our
search.

The miracle
gathered a large
crowd of people



But what's he
going to do to
with such a
tumble-down
monastery and
the monks?

That half-occult
miracle is just
like the gaga
East's frownc
ideas

They'd all play
merry monks
together. He's
a lunatic



...make use
of his wacky
trick

Let's see.
Maybe I
can...



Religious groups are here to see you with petitions against the supermarket construction

A Japanese TV station's asking if they can interview us

President's office

Chase them away! I'm busy!

Tell them no!











Until I get
Oto's information
from "the laughing
cardinal"



I don't intend
to interfere with
your enterprise.
So, don't get in
my way either.









shoo
shoo!

The huge
pure-gold cross
with rubies
and diamonds
is mine!

It's
nobody's
but mine!



Gee

It's
down in
the basement

The monk
told us
where it is

Girl! Go
check it,
quick!



That's
what I call
interference!

Don't dog
my footsteps!
You said you'd
leave me alone!

I'm worried
that you might
damage the
art pieces.

Where're
you going,
Major?



I don't
like red

-It's just
that her
red robe
irritates me

Don't damage
the painting, or
I won't forgive
-even you

If you like it
or not, you
shouldn't treat
it roughly



-Are you
interested
in the
cardinal's
painting?

Your
attention
was on that
painting
only



*-At night
There's no other
option than to search
at midnight!*

*Butter not make any noise
while the Earl is hanging
around. If he sees our machine
everything is doomed to
go wrong.*



*Can't get
closer, his men
are guarding
the outside of
the building.*

*The Major
and his men
sneaked into
the abbey.*



*Let's
go!*

*Follow me
and don't
get lost!*

*Guard the
surroundings of
the monastery. The
KGB must be
watching us from
somewhere.*



Year!

*The Major
he must've
found it!*



*So it's
in that
abbey.*



Slowly move the light along the walls



There must be a painting with a cardinal laughing, somewhere





Another
one here!



Major! I
found him!



This crack
goes quite
deep inside

Otto must've
hidden his
information
in this crack



Another
laughing
one's over
there!



Here!
There's
one more!



There can't
be so many
"laughing
cardinals"!

Don't
talk
rubbish!



W-what
is this?!



Which one of
them is Otto's
"laughing
cardinal"??

All the
cardinals in
the fresco are
laughing-!

Look around
for any holes
we can use to
break through
their guard!

Major

Comrade
Dawn Crow,
the Major's
still in the
monastery

What the
Major is
doing there
worries me

Let's hurry to
the cemetery. I
know there's a
secret path to
the abbey

Com-
rade!

Not even
a mouse
can get in

That's
Ernest!

Look
over
there
in the
wood!

*The trouble with
the man is he won't
hesitate to turn an
abbey into a shooting
range for the sake
of his intrusion*

*The mere thought
of a hawk moving
around as there
flies over*





*Translator's note: in Japan, sneezing is taken as a sign that someone is talking about you



What are they doing staring at the wall?

That's the Major talking!

Bloody hell!



and had the information inside the crack on the cardinal who first came in sight.

He was in a panic, and in this darkness Must have failed to realize there were more than one laughing cardinal.



Well, I never! All five cardinals are laughing!

Perhaps Otto was chased by the KGB, took to this basement floor...



With such dirty gloves as that!

Ah! He's carefully fumbling and probing the fissure!



The depth of the crack is about 5 to 6 cm.

There's no other way than checking the crack in inches.



Stop that!
What do you think you're doing!?









The KGB!
Go after
them!



Are you
a closet
KGB?

Don't
shoot,
Major!

Not
inside the
abbey!



Where
did those
bureaucrats
come from?!







...and the serene air
is being devastated
by gunsmoke!

The world of
beauty I love
is isolated
and troubled
underfoot...



Comrade,
it's our
chance!
Let's go!



Hehe!

The
cranks!

shuffa
shuffa



I heard
some motion
in this
direction

I didn't
notice, in my
sleep. Nobody
seems to be
around, though



Like
some-
thing
barring

What
is this
stuff?



No, I
was
not...

You
need more
practice

Weren't you
imagining,
Brother
Schostinnas?







You hit me
many times!
Remember?

You bigger,
how dare you
hit me!

Don't make
a big fuss over
being hit
only once!



It may
be
rubbish
for you,
but

for me,
it's precious



I forgive
you before,
but not
this time

You insensitive
Philistine, you are
a hopeless
art moron

You senseless-
ly trample on
the objects other people
cherish. It's not the
first vandalism you've
committed

You know,
it's that
attitude of
yours that
irritates
me!

I'll have
it repaired,
so stop
complaining!

It's my
mission







*(Though I don't think
you'd ever come to
such a place apart
from your mission-)*

*Had you visited
the abbey as a
tourist, I could
have welcomed
you from the
bottom of my
heart*



*until I make
sure this place
is completely
clear of you*

*I'll never
trust you...*



Looked extremely
vexed; he went
back to the town
alone, leaving his
agents in the
abbey

How did
he look
when he
left the
monas-
tery?



No,
that's too
dangerous

Then, we'll
use that
secret path
to.



The Major was
investigating the
wall painting of
the priests
wearing a red
cap and robe



Sounds like
he didn't
succeed in
getting the
information.



The Major saw you
inside the abbey, he
must be searching
for your penetration
route

Cardinals
That's it. It
backs up the
information
from Rome





which
will be
a great
chance
for us



Now that he knows
we've entered the
abbey, he'll waste
no time

He'll get the
thing and try
to go back to
Germany as
fast as
possible



In which part
of the fresco do
you think Otto
hid the secret?

The Mayor
will find it
out for us



This is the
wall fresco
in question

Take a
good look
at it



Start
getting ready
for the
operation!



This
part

The crack
runs all the
way across
the painting,
and its approx-
imate depth
is 6cm

The
brick wall
is 50x12cm,
the entire wall
is first coated
with plaster
over which the
carvings are
painted



If there's a gap
between the brick
wall and plaster,
the information
could be caught
in the space in
between

*It's W have no time to probe
inside the crack little by little
on the site.*

*Even though that art master
may cry and scream...*

*I mean
take
dramatic
measures!*



*I'm not
art master.
So what?*

*Even the
Chief could
point a hippo-
like horn
as an*

*I'm the
worst at
drawing on
the corner
Intelligence
Bureau*







Harry!
Check the
basement
floor!



Are they
going to
start a
war??

What's the
bloody hell
is it??



There was an
emergency
call from the
Vatican.

... about the
outrageous fact
discovered in the
process of
investigating
the abbey.



An
unexploded
bomb buried
in the
basement
floor??



What
is the
matter??

Something
serious has
come up.
Father
Abbot

You must
evacuate from
the abbey
as soon as
possible

Switzerland is a permanently neutral country!

How dull!

Late last night, we got an urgent communique from Bern.

Lord Gloria, you were just about to obtain an abbey with a bomb.

Beats!

Even I know no country attacked Switzerland during the war!

We must dispose of a blind shell from WWII, buried in this monastery.

Major, you must explain it to me!

There is a record that some blackhead of the former Luftwaffe bombed this abbey by mistake.

It was a bombing by mistake.

My lord, let's go now!

You should evacuate to the woods with the monks, too.

Were it brought to light that Germany bombed a neutral country, it would lead to grave consequences.

...which is classified, of course.

That's hardly believable.

Unbelievable things happen during wars.

We detected a reaction!

Gut

Wait, Major!



The Lord
is testing
us

Everything will
be all right
We'll take
everyone under
our protection

I was in
another
monastery
forty years
ago

Do you
remember
the bombing,
Father
Abbot?



Don't worry
We'll treat
the cultural
inheritance
with special
care

This
is my
territory



Please



Then let's
start the
operation

Be careful,
keep the
vibration as
low as
possible

Sir?



Everyone has
evacuated
into the
trench

He's gone
with them
without
making a fuss

What
about
the
Emi?







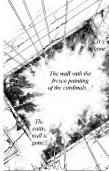


They looked at us
in this place...









No way
That
couldn't be



THIEVES!



***T
H
I
E
V
E
S***

!!

***GET
THE
MAJOR!***



He took
it in the
lorry!

Costa
chose the
Mayor!

Bonheur,
get the car,
right away!

Right
you are

Hurry up,
Bonheur!

We were
taken in!

But
that's the
disposed
barb-
shell!

His aim was
to steal the
wall fresco of
the cardinals!

On my
pride
and
honour

I'll
get back
what you
took away
from me!

If you think all
this outrage can
be pardoned by
your chest of
measures,
you're
absolutely
wrong.
Mayor.

*He trampled the sacred
abbey underfoot,
damaged and ruined
the art pieces.*

*On top of
that, he cut
out the wall
painting
and stole it!*





I'll monitor the monks, too

Leave the abbey to me

Here's a tip



That's too cruel!

You're gonna leave me alone in such a place, for nothing?!



The monks will take him as a divine test and bear with him

My lord, do you think Jarnas will behave 'towards'?



Don't underestimate me

Promise me not to pick on the young monk



With such a small tip?



Any car will do.

Pass by, please!



The lorry is getting further away at this very moment!

Let's hurry!



SLAM

Get in, my lord, please

Let's chase the truck

Good heavens!

They only checked the basement floor, but...

What?

something similar was found in the cemetery, too.

I can ask the police to find the truck

Oh, I don't think that's a good idea, Herr Lingen

I saw the truck about twenty minutes ago, so they shouldn't have gone too far

I'll catch up with the lorry to deliver the message

And my man is guarding the abbey so that no-one will approach it

Oh, thank you

which will inevitably lead to a huge political scandal

Suppose we request a police investigation,

we must reveal the German authorities' top secret to the Swiss police...

I need no more trouble

Thank you're right

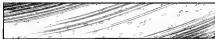
Besides, if the name of the blind shall become known after this marauder's construction...

...might become even harder, don't you think?



It may keep people's attention away from us.





To the
rear parties
All present
and intact?
Report!

'Captains can't fly
in this weather
Don't need to worry
about the KGB
stacking us from
above

It's started
snowing
heavily, sir





We got reports from citizens about an unfamiliar-looking huge truck running on the state road

Excuse us

Let us check inside

I have to confirm with HQ

The company must've registered the transportation with the province police

I'm from an art restoration company in West Germany

Transport of a wall fresco is that it?

Here are the documents and permits

Just to make sure, let us take a look inside

Are you certain you're not carrying anything other than a wall painting?

We were requested by the abbey to restore a wall painting

which was badly damaged

You suspect there's a tank or something?

Please take a look, then





Clank



What
aren't you
saying?

Northrup
Wetmore
Mendenhall

If everything
is in order,
we'll proceed

They are being very loyal to their clubs.

Such suspicious
caps? We're only
transporting the
freese as stated
in the
documents.

How good
with the
"Gimme
sniffles?"

I thought that up-coding
 was the NOVA

Isn't it
about time
for them to
appear?

Their concern to protect their homeland's peace and order is respectable.

The Swiss habit of informing the police immediately about anything suspicious makes our job damned difficult.

For me,
it's much in
grace in
the way

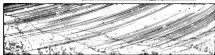
Stop that!
It's not
even funny.

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Scop!







I've heard a lot about you from Mischa the Cub and Polar Bear

The first time I've met you



The seasoned comrades of yours taught you how to deal with me?

Your code name?

It was a fine, quick attack



You should've watched your back, Iron Khan

Take the hostages inside the trailer!









9000
20,000
20,000
20,000



Mr. Bushart,
what's that
sound?



Heeey!

Heeey!

Finally,
we've
caught
up with
it.

That's
the Major's
ferry!

Get
out of
its
way!



ズズズズズズズズ.....





What
terrific
beast!



BAANG

Nowhere
to go...







Mr. Lord, isn't the painting in that lorry?

Where's the Major's car?

I'm more concerned about the Major!



Gunshot sounds!

That way!





I'll be
dead myself
if I don't find
the Major
quickly

Ughh
It's chilling
to the
bones



There!



Major!
You're
all right!



Ah!
You're
all right!



Watch that
for a
moment
will you?
I'm
running
out of
options



The
handcuffs
are in the
way of
retrieving
this

What
are
you
doing?



Hand
This
way!

Map?



What're
they doing
in the
water?

I
thought
the



Hand
This
way!



What
do you
want me
to do?

Now stop
I'll be
right back



Come back
quick! I'm
suffocating!

Get some
fresh
oxygen



I'm
freezing
can I move
well



Don't
understand
what you're
saying

Share your
oxygen
with me
will you?



*No energy
left for me
to move*

*You start
an obstacle
and even
underwater??*



*This is
all I need*



What?!



*Get hold of
yourselves!
Hang on
to me!*

*M
light-
candy*



*The previous
close-up of your
face is becoming
blurred...*

*Waiting
down...
Major...*



Give me up...





I'll return there when I get back the precious wall painting.

What a nerve you have to follow me this far! So obnoxious!

I was waiting with expectations.

Have no kindness to spare me a bit of a favor that's yours.

It never occurred to me you'd steal such a thing!

You should have secluded yourself in the abbey.

Shall I blast hydrocyanic gas into your lungs?

You might have understood and left us alone?

Then why didn't you say so right in the beginning?

Thank you could merely let us investigate the wall fresco?

My assignment is to retrieve the information hidden in the painting.

That's because you poked your nose in and got in my way.

I might have



-No-



That's why



I must get back the truck from the KGB



This I tell me which way to go

But how do you figure out the route they took?



Shut up! Stop the chicken-or-egg argument I'm busy.



It will locate where it is

I planted a signal transmitter on the wall as a contingency plan



Then let's follow them!

They went off the state road into the mountains

Don't you think it's smarter to sail in the same boat with us, in this case?

Well, that is my car, and I have a capable chauffeur here.

Now you got your nose out of my way!

I won't let you further upset my plan!





A little more patience until your alphabet joins you

OK, I'll join you. Can't afford to make a fuss, anyway



Indispensable newspaper instead

They should be in the trailer with the wall



All my men were caught by the R.G.B.



Should have gone after the lorry then, instead of rescuing the bloody Major!

Mr Z is with them

Wonder if Mr A and Mr B are all right





That's
my truck!



My lord,
there's
something
ahead



My lord
that couldn't
be good



God-
damnit



No, I
was just
outwitted

It's
empty

Of course
there's no
corpse --Are
you a
journalist?

Major



-I won't allow myself to be optimistic

They are important hostages

The KGB won't harm them

Taking your men and the painting together or?

The KGB transferred them to another trailer and left

Probably



A mission must be completed

Rescuing all your subordinates and the wall on your own

What a hard task



I will rescue the stupid sheep

I'm no God, but

And



For the alphabets, you're as good as God

With all trust, they must be waiting for you to come rescue them

What are you getting at?

Even God would panic if twenty-six lambs got lost at once

-God is used to have left ninety-nine sheep to look for a sole lost lamb



*I understand
your pain
Alphonse*



**I'll send all
those fucking
imbeciles to
Alaska!**









Be prepared, folks

I'm rather afraid of what will happen later



Right. Let's discuss the plan together

But A, when the KGB interrogate us about the wall painting

How are we supposed to answer?

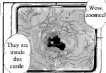


There's no way of escaping from such a place.

Major, help us!

Calm down, the Major will come to rescue us!









Are you getting cold feet?

The knock of a surprise attack is going for the apparently impenetrable



Before we go on—

Let's have a meal



Let's go to the village and get necessary gear. You take care of it, Mr Benham.

Certainly



I'll show you the result of my twenty-day training.

I'm a pro.



Gut



Hey, master, does anyone live up there in the castle on top of the mountain?

Yes. That's the residence of an American millionaire, Mr Houston



Hard work is waiting for us tonight.



You're
irresistible

This is
why I'm
carried
away by
you



A
heartless
chap

Master,
check,
please!



.....
.....
.....



No-not
that
much

You're really too
good and capable
for the Earl.
It's a waste of
your talent
to work for him.

Thanks
a lot



How about
working for us,
in case you're
interested, eh?

I reckon
you have a
constant source
of worries under him



One moment he's
worrying about the
wall painting, then
next...! What the
hell's in that
man's head?!

Master!



All the
necessary gear
is ready. We
can leave
any time.



Of course



I haven't said a word yet

Shut up!!

Told you not to talk to me!

Mr. A and the others are all right, I think.



...when I rescue them, I swear I'll teach them a lesson!

It's no use displaying their incompetence after so long. But...

However urgent it may be, it's absurd that I'm obliged to ask for this bastard's assistance! 20 subordinates' turn of out not only useless cretins but fucking slaves around my neck!

I know he's a caring boss under the mask of a tyrant

Worries about his underlings are making him edgy

Better leave him alone for a while









I guarantee
it won't
do you
any harm.

You'll
answer the
question, Mr.
A, won't
you?



I've heard
a lot about
the Major's
despotism.

Really?

We even
feel sorry for
you folks.



Don't you
worry
about it.

I promise we
won't tell a thing
to the Major.



It's in the
mask on the
corte
cardinal.



Even the
Major won't
appear from
such a place.

Every-
thing's
all right
here, too.

Looking
down makes
me dizzy.



The wind
is dropping.

No sign
of any
disturbance
on the road
to the castle
gate.

How
about
around the
barricaments?



Let's go
while the
wind is calm!



Was the
Major in a
mountaineering
squad?

Thought
he was in
a tank corps.

I bet he
was passed
around from
one unit to
another,
shown off by
everyone.



It's like a
mountain-
climbing squad.
What an
unromantic
outfit.

Can't climb this
cliff wearing
a cape and
high heels,
my lord.

Turrets are
sturdily built and
there's only one
door. People have
used towers as
prisons since
early times.

Perhaps
up in the
turret.



Wonder where
Mr. A and the
others are
being held.



Don't waste
your energy
talking
nonsense!

Roger.









Your subordinates might throw a birthday party for you



Now I got it, all right

Ha! Why don't you try being a less capable boss, then?

A capable man can be found under a stupid boss



Don't push me up like that!

Own up!

I'm telling you, you shouldn't fight, please!



You talking about the Chief?

You know about that golden party?



I know you're playing innocent!

You fucking know it, don't you?

It was just my random talk. What about the Chief?

Wh-what is it?

Who told you? Lawrence, A, or B?

Is he well?

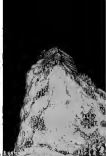






Just a
little more
to go

Don't
talk!



Unlike me, who's
over Archanea
even in
an emergency

He was getting
at me to even up
and only a while
ago. He's stretched
much already



Waah!



SLIP



Be
careful
not to slip,
Roly-poly

Ayo,
sit



Told you
not to slip,
moron!

Idiot!
Incom-
petent!

S-sorry,
se



Wood







Just like here



I'll borrow your rifle



Let's hurry
to find the
fresco

They must
be investigating it
somewhere
in the living
quarters



'M sorry
I almost
bumped

Mr
Bentham,
are you
all right?



That's
a hat cheap-
praising



Oh,
that's
fine

It keeps the
Mayor from
trying to
recruit you.



-Repeat your
answer, Mr. Z



It's
true!

Then how come
your answer is
different from
all the others?

Don't give me
bullshit! You don't
care what will
happen to your
sensors?

The
second
cardinal
from the
right





It's likely
he'd think
that way

To deceive
enemies,
start by
deceiving
allies



He
said that
the KGB
wouldn't...

pay
attention
to me



You mean
he confided
only in you?

The Major
told me not
to tell it to
the others

Why
was
that?



The
Major

He broke
into the castle
from the
back cliff?



Command
Down
Crow!

Sur!

Search
both
cardinals,
to make
sure

dash
dash
dash
dash



Please don't
tell the Major
we talked!

Take him
away!



That damn
kroust! He's
already
here!

The
Major











Don't
lose him!



That man
is not so
fool as to
need my
back-up.

Oh well,
he should
be able to
escape.

Yeh, I
agree.



They
found the
Major?

The
sound of
gunfire!



they were
ordered to
capture me
alive!

They aren't
choosing
at me, which
means



The hell
they'll
get me!



There!
Get him!

Another
one from
that way,
too!



Run him
down!







What a fucking stupid castle!

A certain someone will be rapturous, though



We're not in a second-rate Hollywood movie

Are you gonna keep me from the cooking of an underground chamber and give me a flogging?

Good to hear it



It's a pity to see you locked up in a cage. Left 'em!

break break break



We'd have fun day after day

I think I'd get along with the owner of this castle

This delightful snobishness! The decorations with utter, deliberate disregard of historical evidence!



These are modern people!

Mr Bonham, take off your shoe



Let's hurry, me lord, or the painting will be damaged

What I'm looking for something useful



What're you gonna make me do?

Hide it inside your trousers for an emergency



Now that
the Major is
caught, there's
nothing to
worry
about.

The shortest
cut to find the
fences in this
huge castle
is

to ask
Down
Crow



Who
is it?

Come out,
or we'll
shoot you!



This guy is
in Erosa's
gang!

For mercy's
sake,
spare me!



I don't
know
nothing!

Erosa is
in the
castle,
isn't he?

Let's
put the
screws
in him!



Isn't there
anyone
suspicious?

No!

These
are the
only ones I
could find.

What
great
weapons
you have.







Here comes
the phantom
thief Frost!



What
the hell
is this?

Me
lord!

Ass-
hole!

This is how
we should
appear in a
medieval
castle!



Stop that
nonsense,
Erica!
Get down!



Stop that!
You're making
yourself the
stigma of the
Western bloc!

Comrade,
what was
that sound?
Oh!

